

REMARKS:

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The pending claims in the present application are claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-20. Claims 4 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice. Independent claims 1, 10 and 17 have been amended in view the amendments made in the parent and related applications, which have now issued as patents. There is support in the specification for the amendments, including the addition of polymer beads.

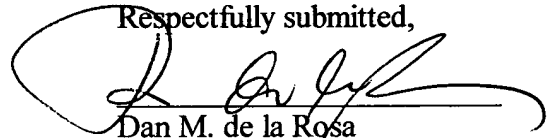
Assuming the Examiner agrees with the above amendments, the Applicant will be submitting a terminal disclaimer to overcome any provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of the actions taken and arguments presented, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is now in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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